

REMARKS

Claims 27-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112. It is believed the correction to these claims moots this rejection. Applicants have utilized the redrafted claim numbers indicated in the Office Action:

The Office Action further rejected Claims 27-35 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,627,155 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. Applicants hereby submit a Terminal Disclaimer to moot this rejection.

Claims 28 and 33-36 were believed to constitute allowable subject matter once the 35 U.S.C. § 112 issue was resolved and the Terminal Disclaimer was filed. Accordingly, Claim 27 (Amended) incorporates the indicated allowed subject matter of dependent Claim 28, while Claim 29 (Amended) incorporates the indicated allowed subject matter of Claim 32.

In accordance with the submission of these amendments, it is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance, and an early notification of the same is requested.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed telephone number.

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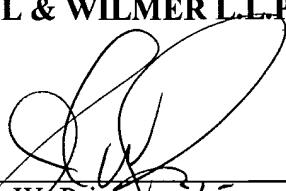
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